

JOHNSON TO MEET WILLARD IN CUBA, OR NOT AT ALL—BALL PLAYERS OFF TOMORROW

KAISER KOPF SPEEDY FIELDER, LOOKS GOOD FOR BAKER'S OLD JOB

Athletes and Phillies Off Tomorrow for Training in Florida—Contest for Places Spurs Interest of Local Fans.

The baseball prelude begins tomorrow for Philadelphia. The Athletics and Phillies sail from New York to their training camps in Florida. Both teams have here on the same train at 9 a. m. Friday. At 1 o'clock the Clyde steamer Apache will tug out of New York harbor, bearing the two local clubs and the Brooklyn Nationals.

The Athletics will arrive at their training camp, Jacksonville, Monday morning. Moran's men will lunch in Jacksonville on that date, then take an afternoon train for St. Petersburg, arriving at the western coast resort Tuesday morning. Wilbur Robinson's bunch also will go by train from Jacksonville to Daytona.

There will be far more than the usual interest taken in the spring doings of both the Athletics and Phillies this spring. Hitherto there have been almost no positions open in the makeup of the Mackmen, and but few in the Phillies' ranks. This year things are different. The Phillies must build up an infield and get the outfield in working order, while the task before Mack is to construct a reliable pitching staff and develop a third baseman to take the place of "Run-Home" Baker.

Just here it is not out of order to take note of William Kopf, Baker's probable successor. Kopf's work was brought to the notice of Connie Mack in 1912. Though he showed up well, Mack, who then had Billy Orr as a prospective utility infielder, allowed the Toledo club, of the American Association, to use Kopf in 1913. He was turned over to Cleveland at the end of the 1913 season, but Manager Birmingham did not think a great deal of "King Boy," the name he used in Toledo.

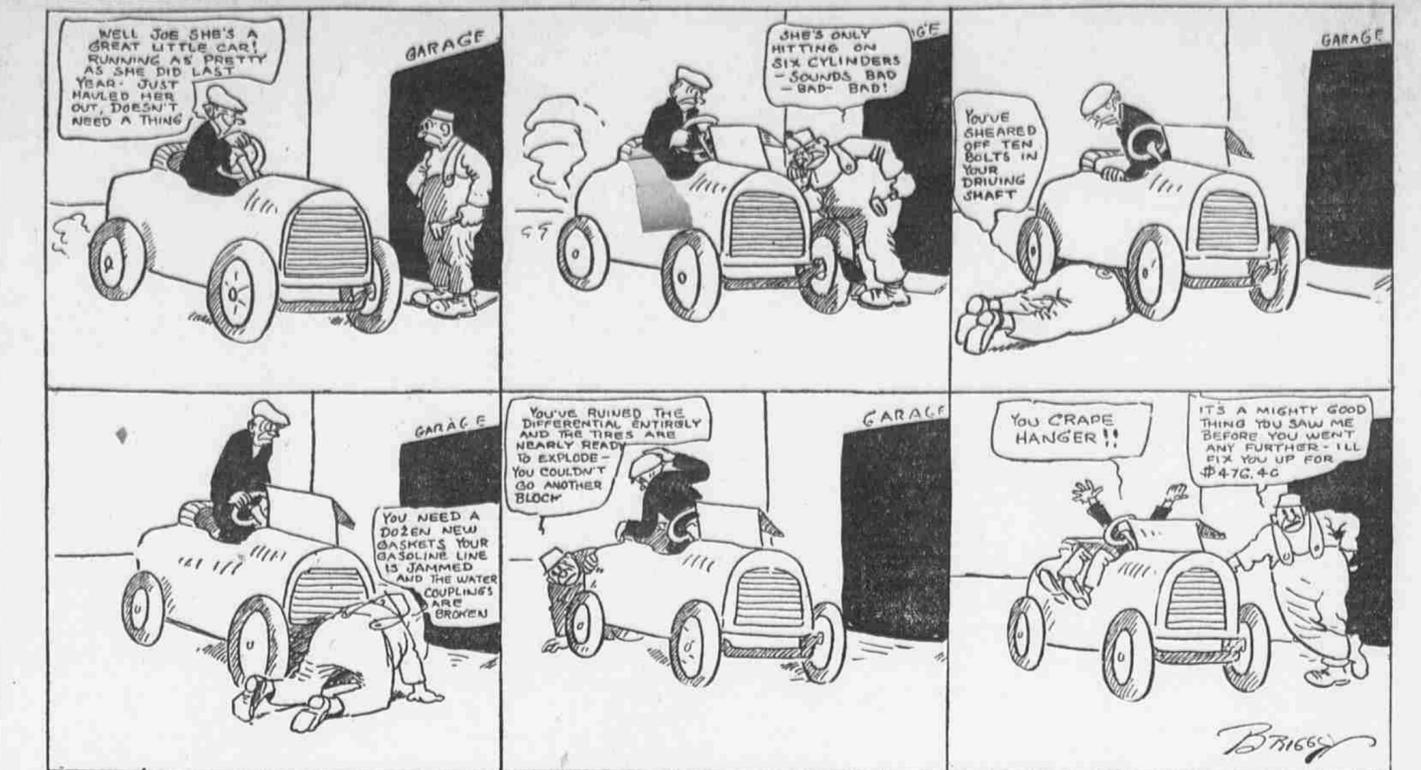
The result was that Mack exercised the option he had on Kopf for 1914 and took him to South Bend, Ind., for a training season and well into the American League campaign. Kopf finally beat out his rival for the position of substitute infielder.

On a number of occasions last year Kopf was put in at third and second bases, when Baker and Collins were indisposed. He showed up brilliantly in the field in those contests and hit at a fair clip. Like the majority of ball players, Kopf will do far better at the bat when he is allowed to play steadily. He is naturally a left-handed batter, but against southpaws he bats from the regular side of the plate, and to all appearances is just as good batting right-handed as left.

Kopf is only 23 years old, is remarkably fast and is as agile and quick in his actions as Eddie Collins. He will be able to take care of the first base in a way which will give the fans forget Baker's no-hit game as the fielding end of the game is concerned. His arm is strong and he is accurate in his tossing to first.

SHOTS FOR THE BASKET Charley White to Play Tomorrow With De Neri Five

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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE

PATTERSON MAY BE MAN TO SHOCK FATHER TIME

Penn's 1913 Collegiate 100-Yard Champion and Record Holder Is One Athlete of Ability Who May Shatter Collegiate Mark of 9.45 Seconds.

James C. Patterson, president of the senior class at the University of Pennsylvania, is one sprinter in America who is conceded to be swift footed enough to equal the record of 9.55 seconds for the 100-yard dash. Howard F. Drew, of the University of Southern California, has run the distance in 9.35 seconds, equalling the mark of Dan Kelly, of Oregon. Drew is very likely to show wonderful form this summer.

Patterson when conditioned is a consistent performer, and his greatest athletic feat was to win the 1913 collegiate 100-yard dash championship, at the same time equalling the record of 9.45 seconds for the distance shared by B. J. Webers, R. C. Craig and W. A. Schick. Patterson last year was far from being conditioned for the collegiate championship race, and as a result he did not approach his sensational 1913 performance.

In the first heat of the hundred he was beaten by Seward, of Michigan, and Stanton, of California, in 10 seconds flat. Even when he took the third, fourth and fifth men Patterson was outspurred, and did not equal the mark of 10.5 seconds. The time was but 10.5 seconds. It would have been easy for him at a time when properly shaped. Patterson attributes his defeat last year to overstudy and a lack of proper training, and is of the opinion that he will be far better this time. This means the great Red and Blue flyer will be out to equal, if not break the collegiate mark of 9.45.

When a student at the Baltimore City College the 146-year-old repeatedly ran the hundred in 10 seconds. At the Georgetown University outdoor games in 1900 he ran his first hundred in 10 seconds flat, and on the same day this time he ran in 21.5 seconds—truly wonderful work for a schoolboy. After that the times were few and far between in which the sprinter did not run the hundred in even time.

In the 1913 collegiate meet Patterson was on edge for the sprint. He won the third heat from his toughest rival, A. O. Keller, of Cornell, and Olson, of Dartmouth, in 10.15 seconds. In the semifinal he showed a turn of speed which proved to be a forerunner of what was to be witnessed in the final, as he broke the worsted just 10 seconds after the gun flashed.

Don Lippincott, Patterson's teammate, now captain of the Penn cinderpath squad, was the only other sprinter on the day to complete the distance in even time. Don turned the trick in his heat and semifinal. The final race will be long remembered. Captain Bob Wagner, of Hopkins, had the pole position; Patterson was in second; Bond, of Michigan, No. 3; Keller, Cornell, No. 4; Lippincott, Penn, No. 5, and Ingersoll, Cornell, the rim. At the sound of the gun the field broke as one. Patterson showed superhuman strength, and they moved up just a peep ahead of the other contestants. The jump at the tape found only the officials could positively determine the order of the finish. When the shout went up that Patterson had won the race, he counted the record of 9.45 seconds, the joy of the Penn athletes and the supporters knew no bounds.

WORLD'S RECORD MAY BE SET SATURDAY

Local, New York and Boston Mile Relayists After Mark Kelly at Cornell.

A new world's record for the mile relay is likely to be created when Philadelphia, New York and Boston representative teams meet at the indoor games of the Newark High School next Saturday evening. Pennsylvania's famous one-mile team will carry the colors of this city, and, if past form has anything to do with the result, this quartet, composed of Lippincott, Lockwood, Kaufman and Meredith, will beat their rivals. Boston's team is most to be feared. New York's team is also a strong squad, although the race on paper seems to be one between Philadelphia and Boston.

Kenrick Kelly who appeared in sprint races with the Central Y. M. C. A. team of Baltimore at local meets last summer, has participated at Cornell and will be heard from many days. Ken was a consistent two-second man, and with proper coaching will no doubt improve. Kelly was another man on the Central 880-yard relay team, which broke the American record for the Olympic style race last summer. With him ran W. A. Presburger, H. J. Brockman and M. J. B. McDonagh.

Harry Freyberger, the Shabaneh Club athlete, is doing so well after an operation for hernia at the University Hospital that he will be able to go home in a few days. SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Feb. 25.—Lehigh won from Washington and Lee last night, 30 to 20 at basketball. Young played a star game for Washington and Lee while Brewster and Kirkpatrick did best for Lehigh.

The championship of the Scholastic Basketball League may and may not be decided next Tuesday afternoon, when the final games of the organization will be played. Northeast High School tied Central High School for the lead yesterday afternoon by defeating Southern High School, 37-22.

Next week Central High School will play Southern High School and Northeast High School will encounter West Philadelphia High School. In the event of both Central and Northeast winning of losing their games, a post-season game will be necessary to decide the championship.

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JAMES C. PATTERSON Just plain Jimmy is president of the senior class at Pennsylvania, and is one of America's swiftest sprinters. Jim will be heard from again in the 1915 collegiates. He is figured to have a great chance to equal the 9.35 seconds record for the hundred.

"TRAINING" WITH GRANTLAND RICE

According to Mr. Kipling "The Colonel's lady and Julia O'Grady are staters under the skin." In the same way the spirits of John Franklin Baker and of Ralph Waldo Emerson are not as far apart as one might imagine the space to be between a home-run hitter and a poet-philosopher. Emerson, when he decided to quit the game, expressed the idea as follows: "Good-bye, proud world, I'm going home; Thou art not my friend, and I'm not thine; Long through the weary crowds I roam, In rick-shaw on the ocean brine; Long I've been tossed by the driven foam; But now, proud world, I'm going home."

Baker expressed the same idea in a slightly different way. But evidently the two might well have been "brothers under the skin." Now is the Time to Buy. Announcement was made in these dispatches yesterday of the Open Ears Co., Ltd., organized by Sewell Ford and George Ade. This company agrees to furnish Willing Listeners, at moderate hourly rates, to all golfers.

For this company, furnishing a Listener to every golfer who desires to describe each stroke and exude a number of alliums, if of less interest not only to the golfer but to the golfer's family, friends, casual acquaintances and even total strangers who may be in the road. If the golfer refuses to hire a Genial Listener from the company, his friends at least will be only too glad to have a representative called in, regardless of the price.

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JACK JOHNSON RENTS HOUSE IN HAVANA AND AWAIT'S ALL COMERS

Negro Pugilist Leases House for Year—Will Fight Willard in Cuba, or Not at All—Curley's Last Effort.

HAVANA, Feb. 25.—Jack Johnson will not go to Mexico to fight Jess Willard, but will remain indefinitely on Cuban soil, to defend the world's heavyweight title against all comers. This was indicated today when the black champion announced he had leased for one year a house in Vedado, a suburb Havana his headquarters.

He gave an exhibition last night before a large crowd in the Auditorium and displayed all his old-time speed, despite overweight. He now tips the beam at 245 pounds. He appeared wearing a French flag around his belt. It is regarded as certain the Johnson-Willard fight, if it is fought, will be staged here. M. Klein, a promoter, has matched Johnson to fight McVey in Havana next month. It will be a 25-round bout.

The Cubans are enthusiastic about boxing, but are tired of negro fighters. They want to see some white boys. Johnson started training today along Mariano Beach. EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 25.—In a final attempt to induce Jack Johnson to come to Mexico and fulfill his engagement to fight Jess Willard at Juarez, Jack Curley, the promoter of the contest, left for Havana today. He believes he can allay the champion's fears of dire consequences if he comes to Mexico, and was confident before leaving that he would bring the "Big Black" back with him, and that the championship go would be pulled off not later than March 17.

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 25.—Tom Flanagan, trainer, today received a telegram from Jack Johnson, at Havana, saying the champion had called off his fight with Jess Willard at Juarez, Mex., scheduled for March 6. The fight, Johnson says, will take place in Havana, where Flanagan trained Johnson for his fight with Jeffries at Reno in 1910.

HARRISBURG SELLS PLAYER Brooks Crist Goes to Newport News League Prospect. HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 25.—Brooks Crist, third baseman and outfielder of the Harrisburg Senators, has been sold to the Newport News, of the Virginia League. This is the sixth sale made by Harrisburg since the close of last season. Other details are pending.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 25.—Walter Brodie, the famous old Oriole outfielder, will leave Baltimore Monday to coach the Rutgers College baseball candidates. Brodie has been successful in turning out good teams for Rutgers and is said to be well liked by the rah-rah boys.

Syracuse Ball Club Sold SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The property of the defunct Syracuse club, the New York State League Club was sold this afternoon for \$1000 to Frank T. Miller, a lawyer. He was acting for a syndicate of Syracuse people who will form a stock company to operate the franchise.

But One Field Goal Scored. The final score of the game between the independent Syracuse and the New York State League club favored the former 50 to 13. St. Joseph's College cage yesterday afternoon. The game was made in the entire 30 minutes of play, while each side scored one foul goal.

Former Cub Manager Not on National League Roster. CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—President Tener, of the National League, today notified a Chicago friend that his staff of umpires was complete, and that he had no place for Hank O'Day, the veteran catcher and former manager of the Cubs. William Brennan, chief of the Federal League staff, immediately attempted to land O'Day. It is said O'Day is also under consideration by the American League.

THE MELTING POT

Havana Results. First race, 2 furlongs, purse \$400, for 2-year-old maidens—Mariniano, 112, 107, 104, 101, 98, 95, 92, 89, 86, 83, 80, 77, 74, 71, 68, 65, 62, 59, 56, 53, 50, 47, 44, 41, 38, 35, 32, 29, 26, 23, 20, 17, 14, 11, 8, 5, 2, 1, even, second, Bianchita, 112, 107, 104, 101, 98, 95, 92, 89, 86, 83, 80, 77, 74, 71, 68, 65, 62, 59, 56, 53, 50, 47, 44, 41, 38, 35, 32, 29, 26, 23, 20, 17, 14, 11, 8, 5, 2, 1, even, third, time, 1:10.4.

Who Wants to Work. Johnny Kilbane and Kid Williams are slated to box on March 11 for a purse of \$10,000. Solving the intricacies of mathematics, one finds that this means just \$56.25 a minute for each of them for 45 minutes of entertainment. If Jack Johnson fights Jess Willard, he will draw down \$50 for each of two weeks.

Garry's Salary. "I think my salary of \$15,500 annually as chairman of the National Commission is entirely too large. I will advocate a cut." This is an interview that Garry Herrmann did not give.

Hirani Glass, a Giant rookie, has been practicing pitching into the mouth of a cannon. What's the use, Hit J. Frank has quit the game.

O'KEEFE BATTLES THOMAS TONIGHT

Meet at Broadway for Third Time—Good Preliminary Bout Carded. The Southwark fight fans are all a-roc over the probable result of the bout between Charley Thomas and Tommy O'Keefe, the two downtown favorites, at the Broadway A. C. tonight. It will be their third meeting in the squared circle in a little more than a month.

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WELSH VS. WHITE TONIGHT Chicago Contender Confident of Beating Lightweight Champion. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 25.—Charlie White has hopes of being the lightweight champion after his bout with Freddie Welsh tonight. The Chicago fighter predicted today that he would stop the champion before the end of the 10-round affair and bring the championship back to America. Both sides are in line tonight for the national title, the weight, 133 pounds. White is a slight favorite in the betting.

Former Penn Man Winner. NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—C. A. McPherson, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania and now of the New York A. C., won the junior boxing world championship last night in the tournament at the New York Turf Varsity. McPherson defeated the national title holder, Paul J. Moran, of the Fenner's Club, Victor F. Cudd, of the New York A. C., was third place.

NORTHEAST TIES C. H. S. FOR LEAD

Post-season Game May Be Necessary to Decide Scholastic League Championship. SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE STANDINGS.—Points.—Central . . . 9. W. L. For. Agt. A. A. Fed. Northeast . . . 8. 5. 3. 227. 188. 10. 923. West Philadelphia . . . 8. 4. 2. 192. 141. 12. 700. Southern . . . 8. 2. 2. 188. 122. 12. 250.

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FEDERAL MEETING TOMORROW CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The Federal League meeting at Buffalo tomorrow and Friday is to be one of the most important of the year. Pat T. Powers will be welcomed as a magnate, the schedule will be arranged and there will be a meeting of all the managers, the umpires and the attendants of the league at the Knickerbocker iron out all of the wrinkles of the playing rules.

Cross-Dundee Fight Off NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The fight between Leach Cross and Johnny Dundee, New York lightweights, scheduled for this city for tomorrow night, was called off this afternoon, owing to an injury to Cross' nose. The fight originally was to have been between Cross and Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion.

National Club's Bouts. Ray Campbell, of Seattle, Wash., will meet Pat Bradley, of this city, in the windup at the National A. C. Saturday night. George W. Orton and Young Fulton meet in the semifinal.



CHARLEY THOMAS The tough Southwark fighter will meet his rival, Tommy O'Keefe, from the same district for the third time in the star bout at the Broadway A. C. tonight. Thomas is confident of another victory and he is anxious to hook up with George Chaney, of Baltimore, after tonight's battle.